Appointment of non-Hindu and non-caste Hindu Medical Officers in certain Medical Institutions.

53. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any order or precedent that no non-Hindus or non-caste Hindus shall be appointed as Medical Officers in any of the hospitals or dispensaries in the State; and

(*b*) if so, the places in which such a practice obtains together with the reasons therefor?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), the question does not arise.

Applications for opening Dispensaries.

54. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of applications received by the Administrative Board, Medical Services, praying for the establishment of dispensaries since the creation of the Board and also the places from which such applications have been made;

(*b*) the number of applications sanctioned; and

(*c*) the reasons for refusing the prayers in other cases?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 45. A statement* giving the names of the places is laid on the table.

(*b*) 13.

(*c*) Of the remaining 32 applications, 11 have been found to be unnecessary by the Board, the places concerned being close to other medical institutions, and the remaining are in different stages of correspondence by, and with, the Board.

Destruction of Crops by wild Elephants in the Neduvangad Taluk.

55. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken on the representation made by Mr. M. Subrahmanya Pillai, Member, Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, at its last session regarding the necessity for the prevention of destruction of crops by wild elephants in the Neduvangad taluk?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The representation of Mr. Subrahmanya Pillai was forwarded to the Conservator of Forests who now reports that the complaint is against a small herd which frequents different places at different times and that he has issued necessary instructions to the Range Officer to scare away the elephants on receipt of timely information from the local people.

Report of the Committee for the revision of pay of the Vernacular School Teachers.

56. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state what action they propose to take on the

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report of the Committee for the revision of pay of the Vernacular School teachers or what steps have been taken by them to give effect to the report?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to paragraph 31 of the speech of the Financial Secretary to Government introducing the Budget for 1104, copies of which have been laid on the table.

Order for the Supply of Medicines.

57. **MR. V. S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the dates on which they placed the order for the supply of medicines for the last three years (1100-1102) with foreign firms;

(*b*) whether the order for the supply of medicines for 1104 has been placed with the firms concerned till now (3-12-1103); and

(*c*) when they expect to receive the supply?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The orders for 1101, 1102 and 1103 were placed on the 5th May 1925, the 5th April 1926 and the 21st June 1927, respectively.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Before the 31st January 1929.

MR. V. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): വിദേശങ്ങളിൽനിന്നും വരുത്തുന്ന മരുന്നുകൾ ഗവർണ്മെൻറു മുഖാന്തിരം നേരിട്ടു വരുത്തുകയാണോ, വല്ല പ്രൈവറ്റ് ഏജൻസികൾ മുഖാന്തിരം വരുത്തുകയാണോ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Through firms and Companies who are engaged by Government to supply medicines.

MR. V. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): ഇതു ഏജൻസി മുഖാന്തിരം വരുത്തുകയാണോ അല്ല ഗവർണ്മെൻറു നേരിട്ടു വരുത്തുകയാണോ

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Tenders are invited and the most favourable tender is accepted by Government.

MR. V. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): നമ്മുടെ ദേശത്തുള്ള ഏതെങ്കിലും കമ്പനികൾക്കോ, ആളുകൾക്കോ ഏജൻസി കൊടുത്തു് ആ മരുന്നു വരുത്തുവാൻ കഴിയുമോ എന്നു് ഗവർണ്മെൻറു പരീക്ഷിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): From foreign firms?

MR. V. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): അല്ല നമ്മുടെ രാജ്യത്തുള്ള കമ്പനികൾ.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It is only foreign companies that send up tenders for foreign medicines.

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